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ATTN TAX PREPARERS:

IRS & ADR OFFER FREE CLASSES ON ELECTRONIC FILING

Birmingham - Free electronic filing seminars for tax professionals will be presented by Internal Revenue Service and Alabama Department of Revenue experts in six cities this fall, the IRS announced today. The seminars are geared toward educating tax preparers who are new to e-filing.

"E-filing is the new standard for tax filing speed, accuracy and security," said Dan Boone, IRS spokesman for Alabama. "More than 800,000 Alabamians are expected to e-file their federal tax returns this year, and the number continues to increase each year."

Enrolled agents attending a seminar will earn four hours of Continuing Professional Education Credits (CPE). Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) will receive letters of attendance for submission to the State Board of Accountancy for approval to earn CPE credits.

No reservations or registration are required to attend the seminars. For more information, call the IRS in Birmingham at 205-912-5607.

E-filing is one of the most popular innovations ever introduced by the IRS and has been praised by both taxpayers and professional return preparers for its ability to make filing taxes easier. Both state and federal tax returns can be e-filed simultaneously in Alabama.

(See attached list of seminar dates, times, and locations.)

2002 ALABAMA E-FILE SEMINARS

Internal Revenue Service/Alabama Dept. of Revenue

No fees, registration or reservations required. Seminars are for

tax preparers who are new to e-filing. For more information, call 205-912-5607.

ALL SEMINARS ARE FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

DOTHAN: SEPT. 20

G.C. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LPN HEALTH BUILDING AUDITORIUM

HUNTSVILLE: SEPT. 27

HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM 915 MONROE ST.

MONTGOMERY: OCT. 10

AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY (AUM)
GOODWIN HALL - ROOM 112

BIRMINGHAM: OCT. 11

HOMEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY LARGE AUDITORIUM 1721 OXMOOR RD

MOBILE: OCT. 25

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM

TUSCALOOSA: NOV. 1

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PAUL BRYANT CONFERENCE CENTER
BIRMINGHAM ROOM